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FOLLOWING REPEAT SECSTATE 31756 ACTION IAEA VIENNA INFO LONDON  
GENEVA FEB 12:

QUOTE

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TAGS: PARM, IAEA, TECH, UK

SUBJECT:PROPOSED UK PNE RESOLUTION

REFS: (A) IAEA VIENNA 866; (B) IAEA VIENNA 837;  
... (C) IAEA VIENNA 1038 (D) LONDON 2033

GENEVA FOR NPT PREPCOM DEL

1. WILBERFORCE OF UK EMBASSY, ON URGENT INSTRUCTIONS,  
CALLED ON ACDA FEBRUARY 6 TO ASK FOR PROMPT US RESPONSE  
TO PNE RESOLUTION AND, IN PARTICULAR, TO EXPRESS HOPE WE  
WOULD ACCEPT COMPROMISE OP PARA 1 (C) CONTAINED IN REF (A).

2. WE RECOGNIZE THAT UK PROPOSAL HAS ACHIEVED ONLY LUKE-  
WARM SUPPORT AND THAT IT HAS HIGHLIGHTED DIVERGENCE OF  
VIEWS ON SOME IMPORTANT PNE MATTERS (E.G., DESIRABILITY  
OF EARLY CONCLUSION OF PNE SERVICE AGREEMENTS). NONETHELESS,  
WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO SUPPORT PROPOSAL IN PRIN-  
CIPLE AND HOPE THAT RESOLUTION CAN BE DEVELOPED THAT WILL  
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RECONCILE DIFFERING APPROACHES.

3. WHILE REVISED DRAFT RESOLUTION IS IMPROVED OVER EARLIER VERSION, WE WOULD STRONGLY PREFER THAT SOME ADDITIONAL IMPROVEMENTS BE MADE. MISSION SHOULD THEREFORE SEEK CHANGES OUTLINED IN FOLLOWING PARA, INDICATING THAT WE COULD ACCEPT RES IF THESE CHANGES WERE MADE. IF, AFTER

FURTHER CONSULTATIONS, IT BECOMES CLEAR THAT PROPOSED CHANGES ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE OR POSE DIFFICULT PROBLEMS FOR BRITISH IN GAINING WIDE AGREEMENT, MISSION IS AUTHORIZED TO ACCEPT DRAFT IN PRESENT FORM SHOULD CONSENSUS BE ACHIEVABLE ON THAT BASIS. IF CONSENSUS CANNOT BE REACHED ON EITHER US PROPOSED CHANGES, FORMULATIONS CONTAINED EXISTING DRAFT, OR COMBINATION OF BOTH, MISSION SHOULD REQUEST FURTHER GUIDANCE ON ADDITIONAL CHANGES THROUGH WHICH COMPROMISE COULD BE OBTAINED. IN ANY CASE, MISSION SHOULD REPORT OUTCOME OF NEGOTIATIONS AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE.

4. PROPOSED CHANGES:

(A) OPERATIVE PARA 1(A) I, INSERT "POSSIBLE" BETWEEN "TO" AND "REQUESTS."

(B) MOVE OPERATIVE 1(A) I TO THE END OF THE LIST AND RE-NUMBER II TO I, III TO II, IV TO III.

(C) AT THE END OF PRESENT OPERATIVE 1(A)IV, "ECONOMIC ASPECTS", ADD "INCLUDING NON-NUCLEAR ALTERNATIVES TO PNES;"

(D) OPERATIVE PARA 1(B), MODIFY FIRST PHRASE TO READ "TO ADVISE IT ON THE FACTORS INVOLVED IN THE ESTABLISHMENT..."

(E) OPERATIVE PARA 1(B), MODIFY LAST PHRASE TO READ "INCLUDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR ANY DECISION-MAKING MACHINERY ON ITS PART THAT MAY BECOME NECESSARY;"

(F) OPERATIVE PARA 1(C), INSERT "THAT MAY BECOME" BETWEEN "AGREEMENTS" AND "NECESSARY", AND DELETE LAST PART STARTING "AND ON THE PROCEDURES..." AND ENDING CONFIDENTIAL

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"... ARE RESPECTED".

5. FYI. MOST IMPORTANT OF ABOVE PROPOSED CHANGES IS THAT PERTAINING TO OP PARA 1(C). THIS ATTEMPTS TO STRIKE BALANCE BETWEEN US DESIRE TO AVOID PREMATURE INVOLVEMENT OF COMMITTEE IN DRAFTING PNE SERVICE AGREEMENTS AND APPARENT USSR NEED TO HAVE COMMITTEE ADDRESS QUESTION OF AGREEMENTS CALLED FOR BY NPT ARTICLE V. DELETION OF

LAST PHRASE OF PRESENT TEXT IS DESIGNED TO SEPARATE  
AGENCY SECRETARIAT RESPONSIBILITIES FROM THOSE OF  
COMMITTEE. END FYI.

6. IN CONVEYING TO BRITISH OUR SUPPORT IN PRINCIPLE FOR  
THEIR PROPOSAL, MISSION SHOULD EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT

ISSUE WILL NOT LEAD TO CONFRONTATION WITH USSR. MISSION  
SHOULD POINT OUT THAT WE SHARE BRITISH DESIRE TO HAVE  
FEBRUARY BOARD SET UP PNE COMMITTEE AND THAT WE SUPPORT  
UK EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE CONSENSUS BY THAT TIME. MISSION  
SHOULD ADD, HOWEVER, THAT SHOULD BRITISH DETERMINE THAT  
POSTPONEMENT OF BOARD ACTION WOULD IMPROVE CHANCES OF  
OBTAINING CONSENSUS, THIS WOULD ALSO BE ACCEPTABLE TO US.  
FYI. WE WOULD NOT WANT BRITISH TO PRESS DESIRE FOR EARLY  
BOARD DECISION IF SERIOUS RISK OF CONFRONTATION WITH  
SOVIETS DEVELOPED. AT SAME TIME, WE DO NOT WANT TO TAKE  
INITIATIVE IN SUGGESTING POSTPONEMENT, SINCE THIS COULD  
BE CONSTRUED BY BRITISH AS LACK OF SUPPORT. BY MAKING UK  
AWARE OF OUR CONCERNS RE CONFRONTATION WITH SOVIETS, WE  
WOULD EXPECT THAT, IN EVENT THAT STRONG SOVIET OPPOSITION  
DEVELOPED AND IT BECAME IMPOSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE CONSENSUS  
BY TIME OF FEBRUARY BOARD, BRITISH WOULD DECIDE ON THEIR  
OWN TO SEEK DEFERRAL OF BOARD ACTION. END FYI.

7. FYI. US DECISION ON CO-SPONSORSHIP OF RES WILL BE  
MADE AFTER AGREEMENT REACHED ON TEXT. END FYI.

8. MISSION SHOULD CONVEY TO SOVIET DEL OUR CONTINUING  
SUPPORT FOR ONGOING TECHNICAL WORK OF IAEA SECRETARIAT  
AND OUR EXPECTATION THAT PNE COMMITTEE'S ACTION WILL NOT  
INTERFERE WITH THAT WORK. INGERSOLL

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